

Quality-Significant Procurement Program At Sandia National Laboratories

Sandia National Laboratories Procurement has established a program that addresses the purchase of goods and services when determined by the Requester to have significant negative impact if they fail. This program applies to all Sandia employees who need to buy quality-significant goods or services. The program allows customers to use a graded approach to manage procurement and associated risks.

Goods are considered Quality-Significant if the Requester determines that their use may:

- Cause a significant adverse impact to program/project cost, schedule, or performance if it fails; or
- Significantly impact the safe operation of any Sandia facility or activity; or
- Involve the use, handling, or storage of radioactive material or radiation-generating devices, or involve exposure to ionizing radiation; or
- Relate to the design, analysis, manufacture, or assembly of hardware, equipment, or software for present or future use with radioactive material; or
- Be used in any safety-significant or safety-critical system, component, or application whose failure could adversely affect people, property, or the environment.

Supplier quality evaluations are carried out to ensure that a supplier's quality program is adequate to provide goods and services in accordance with the specified requirements. This evaluation shall be conducted and documented prior to contract award. When conducting a supplier quality evaluation, the Requester will ensure that specified requirements are controlled under the scope of the supplier's quality program activities while using a graded approach and are specific to the scope of the goods and services to be procured.

Sandia has a "Performance Evaluation Program," which informs the Supplier of all Quality-Significant procurements that it will be selected for an evaluation process (see QUEST Program). Results of this performance evaluation process are entered into a Contractor Evaluation Database.

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